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SUBJECT: AKSENOV REFUSED TRAVEL TO U.S.

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AUTHOR VASILII AKSENOV TOLD EMBOFF BY PHONE MARCH 8, THAT SOVIET WRITERS UNION HAD REFUSED HIS TRAVEL TO U.S. AS GUEST LECTURER AT UCLA. OSTENSIBLE REASON (WHICH AKSENOV SAID WAS PHONY) WAS THAT IF AKSENOV TAUGHT AT UCLA, SOVIETS WOULD BE OBLIGED TO ACCEPT U.S. WRITER ON SAME BASIS. AKSENOV SAID HE PLANNED TO APPEAL DECISION TO HIGHER AUTHORITY, PRESUMABLY CP CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECTION DEALING WITH CULTURAL AFFAIRS.

2. AKSENOV SAID HE HAD RECEIVED LETTER FROM CHANCELLOR YOUNG OF UCLA ENCLOSING COPIES OF LETTERS TO WRITERS UNION PRESIDENT GEORGIY MARKOV, SOVIET AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN, SECRETARY KISSINGER, AND AMBASSADOR STOESSEL ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE IN APPROVAL OF AKSENOV'S VISIT TO UCLA.

LETTER TO AMBASSADOR STOESSEL NOT YET RECEIVED BY EMBASSY. ESSENCE OF LETTERS IS THAT UCLA STRONGLY DESIRES TO HAVE AKSENOV LECTURE AT UNIVERSITY DURING SPRING QUARTER AND WOULD CONSIDER A REFUSAL DAMAGING TO U.S. - SOVIET EXCHANGE PROGRAM AND UCLA'S PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAM.

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